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## Acquisition News

### Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology (ASA (ALT))

Mr Dean G. Popp became the Acting ASA(ALT) on Jan 3, 2008. As the Acting ASA(ALT), Mr Popp serves as the Army Acquisition Executive, the Senior Procurement Executive, the Science Advisor to the Secretary of the Army and the Army's Senior Research and Development official. He also has principal responsibility for all Department of the Army matters related to logistics.

[https://www.alt.army.mil/portal/page/portal/oasaalt/Bio\\_AAE](https://www.alt.army.mil/portal/page/portal/oasaalt/Bio_AAE)

### Army Acquisition Corps (AAC) Collar and Regimental Insignia for Enlisted Members

AAHS-HIS Memorandums, Subject: Collar Insignia for the AAC and Regimental Insignia for the AAC, both dated Jan 8, 2008. On Jan 8, 2008, the Department of the Army's Institute of Heraldry approved for wear the AAC collar and regimental insignias for enlisted personnel. Both collar and regimental insignias are displayed below.

The collar insignia is a gold color metal device that represents excellence and high ideals. The Greek letters "Alpha" and "Omega" are interlaced to indicate the intricate and continuous acquisition process. The eagle represents vigilance and military preparedness. The laurel symbolizes honor and achievement. Black and gold are the dominate colors of AAC's regimental insignia. Like AAC's collar insignia, the Greek Alpha and Omega are interlaced to indicate the intricate continuous acquisition process, the eagle represents vigilance and military preparedness, and the laurel symbolizes honor and high achievement. Black alludes to dependability and solidarity, while gold signifies excellence and high ideals. The swords represent protection, service and support to mission accomplishment. "Pactum Excello" is Latin for

"Contracting Excellence" and refers to acquisition Soldiers performing contracting operations and functions in support of the Soldier. Both insignias are available at clothing sales and through organizational supply channels.



Collar Insignia



Regimental Insignia

### Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) 51C Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) Training with the U.S. Air Force (USAF)

On Jan. 30, 2008, the Army's first 51C NCOs will graduate from the USAF's Contracting Apprentice Mission Ready Airman Course taught by the 345th Training Squadron, Contracting Flight stationed at Lackland Air Force Base, TX. This 8-week training course provides basic contracting technical skill sets and advanced computer lab base training programs. Upon graduation from the Contracting Apprentice Course, NCOs may receive Defense Acquisition University (DAU) Level I or II contracting certification provided that the Soldier has met Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act (DAWIA) prerequisites for civilian education and operational experience

<http://asc.army.mil/career/programs/nco/default.cfm>

## AL&T Workforce News

### New Acquisition Leadership and Management Courses

Seats are available for the new Acquisition Leadership and Management courses. The three new courses for Level III certified careerists are: ACQ 450 (Leading in the Acquisition Environment), ACQ 451 (Integrated Acquisition for Decision Makers) and ACQ 452 (Forging Stakeholder Relationships). Course requirements/prerequisites

are at <http://www.dau.mil/>. Course registration procedures are at <http://www.dau.mil/registrar/Military%20personnel%20Welcome.asp>

### **Harvard University Program for Senior Executive Fellows (SEF)**

The Harvard University SEF Program is currently accepting applications that are due into HQDA by Feb 11, 2008 for the April 21, 2008 through May 16, 2008 class. The program is open to managers who are at the GS 14/15 levels. Current salary and position for National Security Personnel System (NSPS) and Non-appropriated Funds (NAF) applicants must be equivalent to that of the GS-14/15 levels. A full description of the course and the application process is in the Army Civilian Training, Education and Development System (ACTEDS) training catalog at <http://cpol.army.mil/library/train/catalog/ch04husef.htm>. The Point of Contact for this action is Valerie Peyton at [Valerie.Peyton@us.army.mil](mailto:Valerie.Peyton@us.army.mil), (703) 325-0615, DSN 221-0616.

### **Field Manual Interim (FMI) 4-93.41, Army Field Support Brigade (AFSB) Tactics, Techniques, Procedures (TTP).**

FMI 4-93.41 provides organization and operations doctrine for the newly fielded AFSBs. The FMI's primary target audience is commanders and the logistics staff of Army field units from the Army Service Component Command and their assigned Theater Sustainment Commands down to brigade level units. It will also serve as a guide for AFSB world wide employment and for embedding general AFSB information into related Army doctrine and institutional training programs. Comments on this manual may be submitted to [ALTFO@lee.army.mil](mailto:ALTFO@lee.army.mil). The actual FMI is at [http://www.army.mil/usapa/doctrine/Active\\_FM.html](http://www.army.mil/usapa/doctrine/Active_FM.html).

### **Contingency Contracting: A Joint Handbook**

The Army Materiel Command, in coordination with the DAU, plans to distribute copies of the "Contingency Contracting: A Joint Handbook" to acquisition officers and NCOs. The handbook is endorsed and authorized by Mr Shay Assad, Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy and Strategic Sourcing. It was prepared by the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology & Logistics), Defense Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics contingency contracting staff, DAU, and the Air Force Logistics Management Agency. This pocket-sized handbook provides a consolidated source of information for Contingency Contracting Officers conducting contingency contracting operations in a Joint

environment. The handbook is intended to be used for training at home station and for reference and training while deployed. This is not a stand-alone document and must be read together with the *Federal Acquisition Regulation*, the *Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement*, *Operational Contracting in Joint Operations (Joint Pub 4-10)*, and the *Army Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement*, etc.

### **Competitive Development Group (CDG)/Army Acquisition Fellowship (AAF) Graduation and Orientation**

- Feb. 11-13, 2008
- Fairfax, VA

[http://asc.army.mil/conference/cdgaaf\\_2008/default.cfm](http://asc.army.mil/conference/cdgaaf_2008/default.cfm)

### **2007 Secretary of the Army Awards for Excellence in Contracting**

- Feb. 28, 2008 Awards Ceremony
- Pentagon Auditorium

[http://asc.army.mil/docs/proc/AAE\\_Memorandum.pdf](http://asc.army.mil/docs/proc/AAE_Memorandum.pdf)

### **DAU Community Symposium**

- April 15, 2008
- DAU, Fort Belvoir, VA

<http://www.dau.mil>

### **2008 Procuring Contract Officer and Intern Training Symposium (PCO/ITS)**

- April 21-25, 2008
- Atlanta, GA

## **Important AAC Links**

### **U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center**

<http://asc.army.mil>

### **Army AL&T Magazine**

<http://asc.army.mil/altmag/>

### **Acquisition Management Branch**

<https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/protect/active/opfam51/ambmain.htm>. AKO registration required.

## **Comments to the Editorial Staff**

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